

THE CHAMELEON CONSPIRACY

PART 3

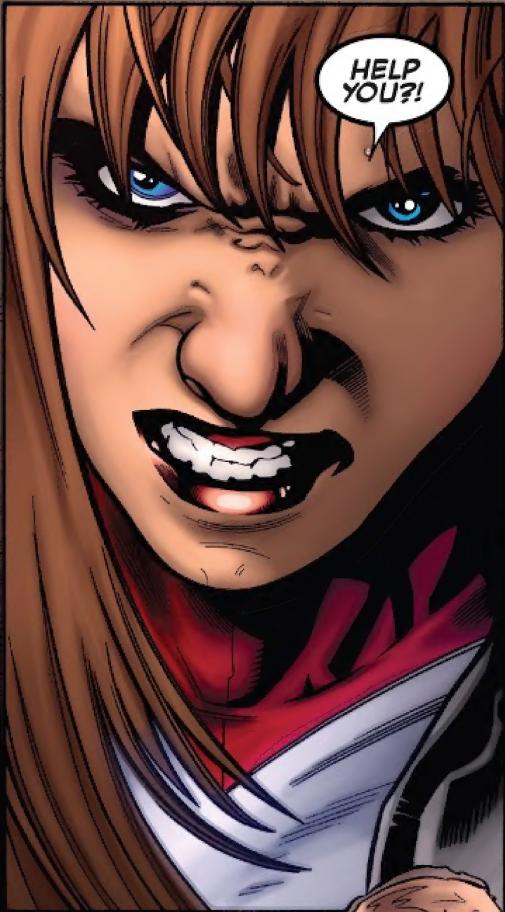
the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

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PETER PARKER was bitten by a radioactive spider and gained the proportional speed, strength, and agility of a SPIDER, adhesive fingertips and toes, and the unique precognitive awareness of danger called "SPIDER-SENSE"! After the tragic death of his Uncle Ben, Peter understood that with great power there must also come great responsibility. He became the crimefighting super hero called...

The Amazing

SPIDER-MAN

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Teresa Parker, Peter's superspy sister, has found herself face-to-face with the man who killed their parents--The Finisher. The Chameleon arranged the meeting, but neither Parker knows why.

Peter's too busy to even wonder why, studying under the Lizard at Empire State University. Peter's friend Jamie Tolentino's grad school project is a predictive machine called the Clairvoyant. Jamie's gambled with the device, using the winnings to help his ailing mother. However, flying casino owner Chance and his partner, the Foreigner, want the device and a power source called the Catalyst, and they blackmailed Jamie to help steal both.

Meanwhile, Peter's friend Betty Brant is pregnant. The father is former *Daily Bugle* reporter Ned Leeds, who everyone thought dead at the hands of the Foreigner. But Ned just revealed that some Goblin Serum he took saved his life, and ever since, he's been investigating his killer and just discovered that Foreigner's next target is Jamie. So it's up to Spidey to stop Foreigner and his ne'er-do-wells!

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YOU KNOW, IT
WOULD BE GREAT
IF FOR ONCE...

...JUST
ONCE...

...I COULD HAVE A FRIEND
WHO DOESN'T SOMEHOW
GET DRAGGED INTO SOME
EVIL-VILLAIN SCHEME
THAT SPIDER-MAN HAS
TO RESCUE THEM FROM.

I SWEAR, WHEN IT
COMES TO KEEPING MY
WORK AND PERSONAL
LIFE SEPARATE...

...I'M
BATTING A
STRAIGHT ZERO.

I DON'T KNOW HOW JAMIE GOT MIXED UP IN ALL OF THIS--

--WHAT THE DEAL IS WITH ALL THE JACK-O'-LANTERNS--

--OR WHY JAMIE'S HELPING THE FOREIGNER AND CHANCE AND THE REST OF THIS GOON SQUAD STEAL THE CATALYST...

BOOM
BOOM
BOOM!

...BUT I NEED TO GET HIM OUT OF HERE BEFORE HE GETS HURT.

YOU KNOW, JUST BECAUSE SOMETHING'S CHEAPER...

...DOESN'T MEAN IT'S WORTH IT!

DON'T MAKE A SMASHING PUMPKINS JOKE.
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DON'T MAKE A SMASHING PUMPKINS JOKE.

NOT SURE WHAT FORGOTTEN-FOES-OF-SPIDER-MAN VAULT FOREIGNER AND CHANCE DUG SLYDE OUT OF.

GOT HIM!

A CHEMICAL ENGINEER TURNED SUPER-THEIF DECKED OUT IN A SUPER SLIPPERY SUIT. UNLESS HE'S THE OTHER SLYDE WHO WAS AN UNDERCOVER COP WITH A GRUDGE AGAINST ME FOR WHO-THE-HECK-KNOWS-WHAT... ALSO DECKED OUT IN A SUPER SLIPPERY SUIT.

HOLD HIM STILL!

FWAM



I DON'T WANNA KINK SHAME ANYONE, BUT IF THIS IS SOME SORT OF ROLE PLAY OF HIS...

AND LAST TIME I FACED OFF AGAINST CHANCE, THE GUY WAS BEGGING ME TO PUNCH HIM.

HERE... HOW ABOUT YOU HOLD HIM!

LITERALLY.



THWAK



TOK

...WE'RE GONNA HAVE A PROBLEM.







THAT'S IT,
SPIDEY. KEEP
THEM BUSY.
DON'T TRY
TO WIN.

KRAAM

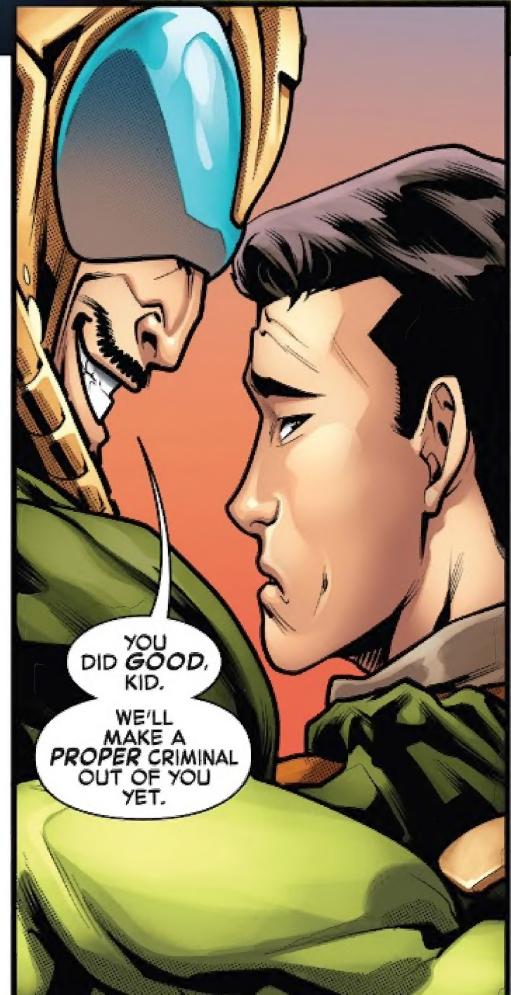
LET 'EM
KEEP COMING
AT YOU...

...AT LEAST
UNTIL YOUR LAB
PARTNER MAKES
HIMSELF SCARCE.
SPEAKING OF--

--WHAT'S
TAKING HIM
SO LONG?

I'M
SORRY.





WE BEGIN WITH THE TRUTH ABOUT ME.
AND MY MUCH-PRESUMED DEATH.

"YOU KNOW THE STORY OF MY ENCOUNTER WITH SPIDER-MAN..."

"HOW HE FIRST FOUND THE RED SKULL AND HIS MINION, SANDOR."

"WHICH EVENTUALLY LED HIM TO ME."

*ALL BACK IN ASM ANNUAL #5! --NL

HE WAS SEEKING REVENGE FOR THE DEATHS OF RICHARD AND MARY PARKER--YOUR PARENTS--

--BELIEVING ME TO BE THE ONE WHO'D HAD THE SPIES FRAMED AND MURDERED.

"WE DID BATTLE, AND HE MANAGED TO GET THE BETTER OF ME THAT DAY--

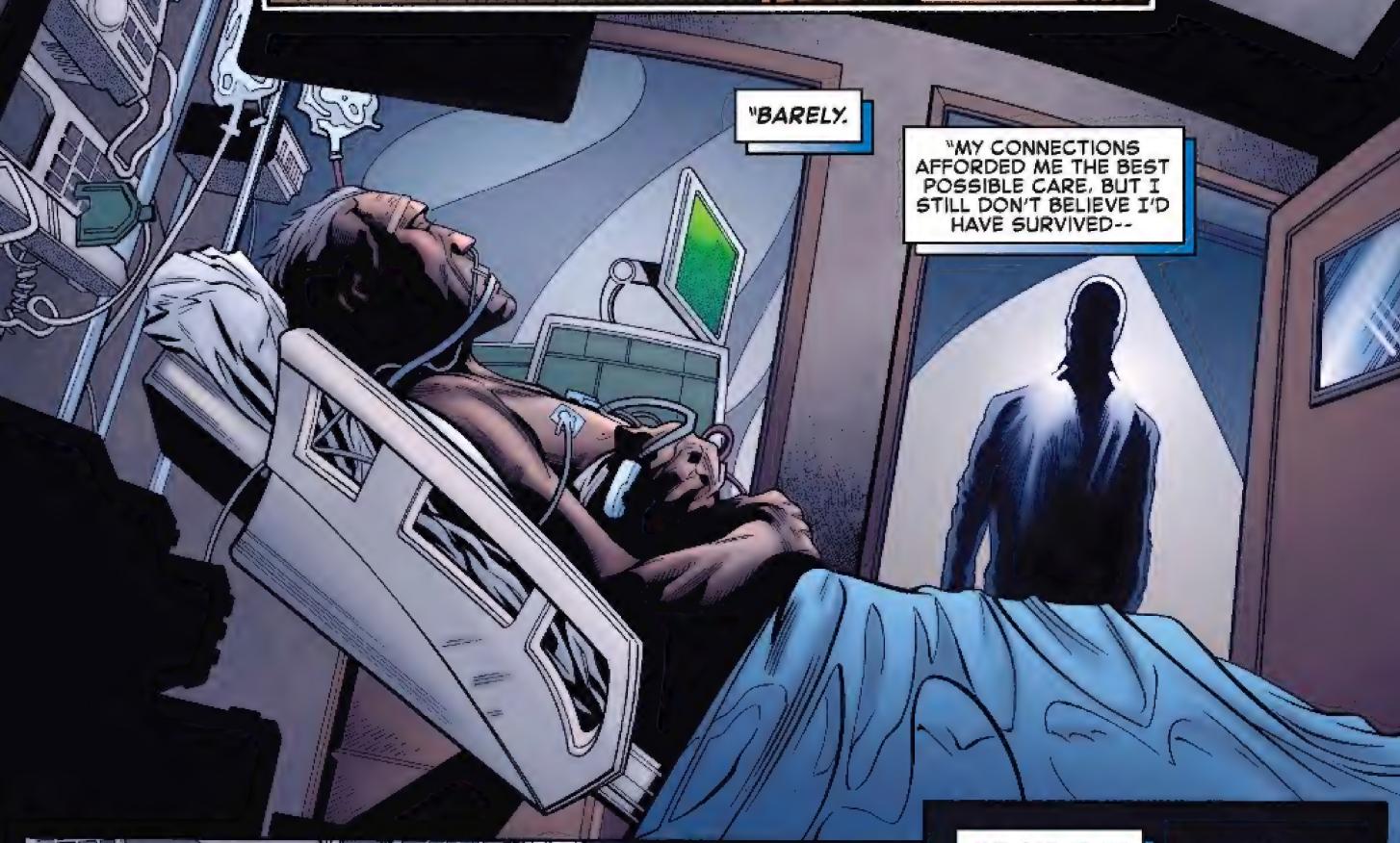
--TURNING MY CAR'S MISSILES BACK AGAINST ME.

"I'D ALWAYS HEARD THE WALL-CRAWLER WAS ADAMANTLY OPPOSED TO KILLING, BUT HE SEEMED QUITE AMBIVALENT THAT DAY."

THANKFULLY, THOUGH, HE DIDN'T MANAGE TO BREAK ANY SACRED VOW ON MY ACCOUNT.



YOU SURVIVED.



"BARELY."

"MY CONNECTIONS AFFORDED ME THE BEST POSSIBLE CARE, BUT I STILL DON'T BELIEVE I'D HAVE SURVIVED--"



--WERE IT NOT FOR THE LOVE OF MY FAMILY.



"HE SAT AT MY BEDSIDE EVERY DAY, MY LIEGE, MY PRIZED PUPIL..."



...MY DMITRI.

AFTER ALL YOU'VE GIVEN ME, TEACHER--

--IT WAS THE LEAST I COULD DO.

OKAY, YES.
CLEARLY, I DID
NOT SEE THAT
COMING.

SSSPIDER-
MAN!

LIZARD!

BOY, AM
I STILL GETTING
USED TO BEING
GLAD TO SEE
YOU.

I'M SSSORRY
I COULDN'T HAVE
BEEN MORE HELP TO
YOU DURING THE ATTACK.
THE NEWEST ITERATION
OF MY NON-
AGGRESSION
CHIP--

SAY NO MORE.
TALK ABOUT YOUR
ALL-TIME WORTH-
WHILE TRADE-OFFS.
BUT THE BAD
GUYS--

"ABSSCONDED
WHILE YOU WERE
UNCONSCIOUSS,
I'M AFRAID."

WAIT--
ISSS THERE
ANYTHING I
CAN DO?!

AFRAID
NOT, DOC.
BUT DON'T
WORRY--



--I KNOW
SOMEONE
WHO CAN."

NED--PLEASE--
COME SIT WITH ME.
YOU'VE BEEN STARING OUT THAT
WINDOW PENSIVELY FOR,
LIKE, AN HOUR.

--IS PRETTY
STANDARD BEHAVIOR
FOR HIM. HERE ONE
SECOND, GONE THE NEXT.
AND FRANKLY--

I--I'M SORRY,
BETTY. IT'S
JUST--SOMETHING'S
NOT *RIGHT*. THE WAY
PETER RUSHED OUT
OF HERE--

--HE'S
NOT THE ONLY
ONE.

HEY NOW.
DON'T TALK
LIKE THAT.

IT TOOK
YEARS, BUT I'M
BACK. FOR *GOOD*
THIS TIME. AND WE'RE
GOING TO FINALLY
HAVE THE LIFE WE
ALWAYS DREAMED
OF.

I'M NOT GOING--

NED
LEEDS!

BOY, ARE
YOU A SIGHT
FOR SORE
EYES.

SPIDER-
MAN!

PETER
PARKER SENT
ME. SOMEONE
NEEDS YOUR
HELP.

AND SO I
TELL HIM AS
MUCH AS I CAN.
ABOUT THE
CLAIRVOYANT.
ABOUT JAMIE.
ABOUT--

THE
FOREIGNER.

WE CAN'T LET
HIM GET HIS
HANDS ON TECH
LIKE THAT.

WE HAVE
TO STOP
HIM.

NED--
WAIT--
YOU JUST
SAID--

I KNOW,
BETTY. BUT
PETER'S FRIEND
IS IN DANGER,
AND--

--I HAVE
TO FINISH
THIS.

I GET IT.
I'D WANT THE
SAME THING IN
YOUR POSITION.
BUT--

MAKE SURE
TO COME BACK.
UNDERSTOOD.

I'M
GONNA
NEED A
LIFT.



THE PALACE.
CLOAKED CASINO
HIDDEN IN THE SKIES
ABOVE MANHATTAN.

ALL
RIGHT.
BOOT THAT
BAD BOY
UP.

CLAIRVOYANT

CLAIRVOYANT

QUITE
THE LIGHT
SHOW.

YES,
IMPRESSIVE.

BUT WE
DIDN'T STEAL THIS
TO BE ENAMORED
BY SHINY LIGHTS LIKE
SOME SLACK JAW AT
A JULY FOURTH
COOKOUT.

HOW
DOES IT
WORK?

OKAY...

...ESSENTIALLY, YOU ASK IT A
QUESTION--SAY...THE RESULTS
OF THE **SUPER BOWL** OR...
I DON'T KNOW, WHO'S GOING
TO WIN THE **KENTUCKY**
DERBY.

THE MORE
SPECIFIC AND
NARROW THE
PARAMETERS OF
THE REQUEST,
THE BETTER.

THEN, THE CLAIRVOYANT
TAKES THAT REQUEST AND
SEARCHES ACROSS THOUSANDS
OF MULTIVERSES, PROVIDING YOU
WITH AN ANSWER BASED ON THE
PROBABILITY OF SIMILAR
OCCURRENCES IN THOSE
MULTIVERSES.

SO FAR,
I'VE FOUND THAT
THE SUCCESS RATE
IS IN THE UPPER 80 TO
LOWER 90 PERCENTILE,
SO IT'S WORTH BEING
CAUTIOUS WITH--

WE
ARE
GOING
TO BE SO
RICH!

BZZZT

WHAT SHOULD WE ASK IT FIRST?

WHO'S FIGHTING RIGHT NOW? SURELY WE CAN FIND A COUPLE OF CAPES PUNCHING EACH OTHER UP? SEE WHO WINS?

WHAT WOULD THERE BE TO PREDICT? ASKING IT WHAT YOU WOULD ASK FIRST WOULD BE THE ANSWER.

OOCOH, MAYBE WE CAN ASK THE CLAIRVOYANT IF IT CAN PREDICT WHAT WE'LL ASK IT FIRST?

I MEAN, AFTER THAT ONE.

GEEZ.

SO MANY POSSIBILITIES THAT THE MIND RACES TO CHOOSE JUST ONE.

TELL YOU WHAT...

...WHY'NT I TAKE THIS OFF YOUR HANDS?

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?!

IF ONLY YOU'D TALKED LESS AND ASKED MORE, THEN YOU MIGHT'VE FIGURED OUT...

...THAT THE
JACK-O'-LANTERNS
AND HALF THE
FOLKS IN THIS
CASINO...

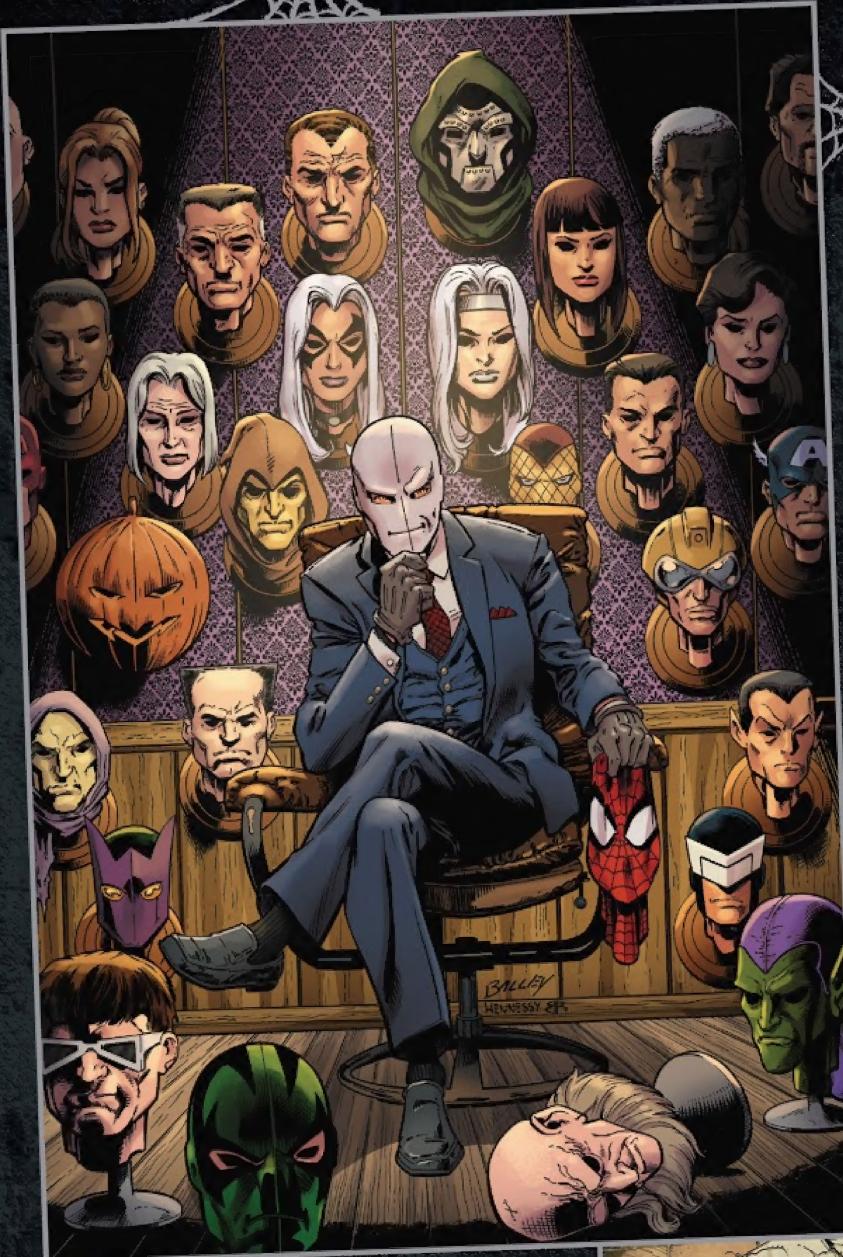
...WORK
FOR THE
FINISHER.





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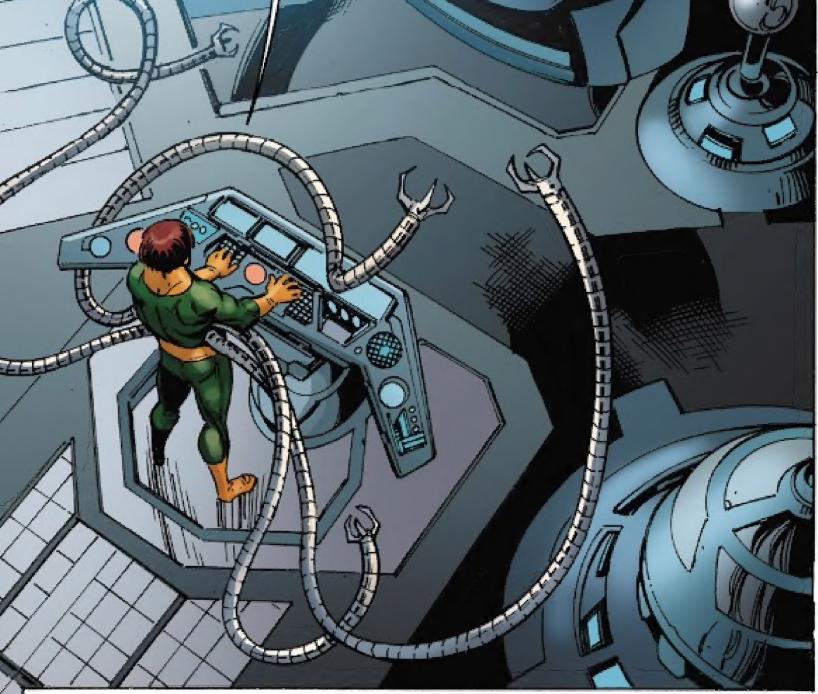
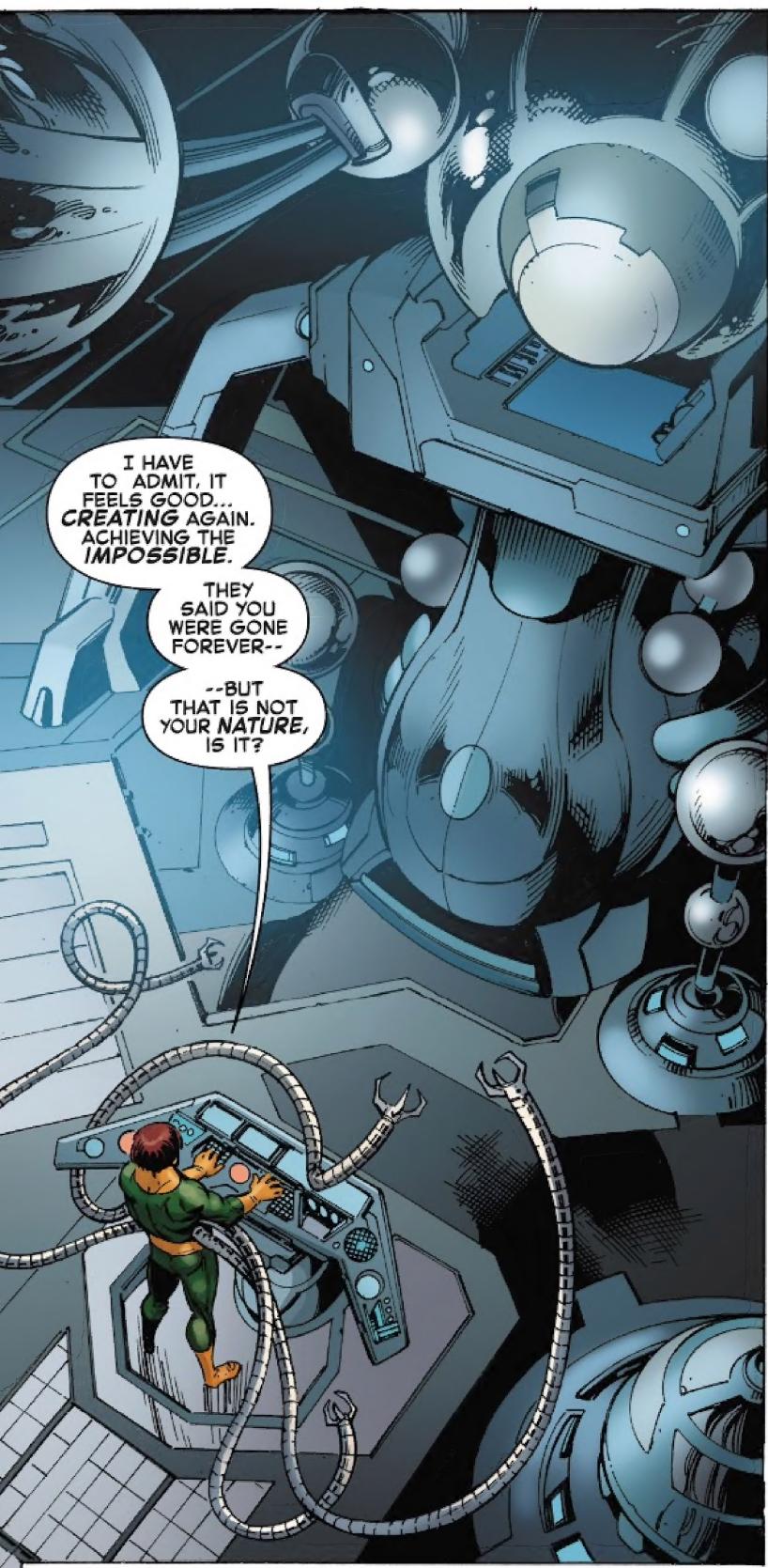
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AMAZING SPIDER-MAN:
CHAMELEON CONSPIRACY #1

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AMAZING SPIDER-MAN
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LIGHTNING.

